

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER
U. S. WEATHER BUREAU
Sept. 21, 1916—Rainfall last
twenty-four hours, .02 inches.
Temperature min. 72; Max.,
81. Weather, partly cloudy.

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Centrifugal No. 12	Cents	Dollars	
Price, Hawaiian basis	5.83	\$116.60	
Last previous quote	5.687	\$113.74	

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WASHINGTON WORRIED BY REPORTS OF VILLA RAID

Official Statement Sent Home By
General Bell Is Discredited By
Advisers of Administration As
Simply 'Mere Border Rumors'

ONE THOUSAND MEN SAID
TO HAVE JOINED BANDIT

Carranzista Leaders Repeat
Their Former Announcements
of Victory in Fighting On Out-
skirts of City of Chihuahua

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

WASHINGTON, September 22.—Widely contradictory reports regarding the battle between the de facto troops and the bandits under Villa, in the outskirts of the City of Chihuahua, last week, continue to cause uneasiness in official circles here.

The political effect of a Villa victory anywhere in the north of Mexico would be powerful, it is admitted, and officials of the administration are loath to believe the bandit chieftain is as strong as some of the accounts of the battle indicate him to be.

Gen. J. Franklin Bell has forwarded an official report to the war department on the Villa raid on the City of Chihuahua, in which the American commander states that the outlaws captured a number of Carranza guns and liberated more than 300 prisoners who were being held by the de facto government in the prison of the City of Chihuahua.

Federal Palace Taken

The bandits are said to have taken the federal palace after a stiff fight, and as soon as the Carranzistas were cleared out of the city Villa mounted to one of the balconies and addressed the crowd in the plaza. As a result of this address more than 1000 persons of the city are said to have cast in their lot with the Villistas and left the city when the band departed.

General Bell reports also that a number of other federal buildings fell into the hands of the bandits. Villa, adds the Bell statement, has sent a letter to General Trevino announcing that he would 'be in Chihuahua on Saturday afternoon to shake hands with your excellency.'

Officials Are Doubtful

The source of Bell's information is not known here, but official belief is general that he founded his report on 'border rumors.' The rumors here regarding Villa are confusing in their multiplicity. Some officials profess to believe that the bandit chief is dead, while others declare that they are certain he led the fighting against Trevino.

War department officials declared that they did not believe the Villistas contemplated attacking the line of General Pershing, although they admitted that such a thing was possible.

Trevino Claims Victory

Reports from El Paso quote General Garcia, the Carranza commandant in Juarez, across the Rio Grande from the Texas city, as having announced the receipt of a telegraph message from General Trevino, reaffirming the earlier reports of a de facto government victory.

The message placed the bandit's loss at 250 and the Carranza loss at fifty-three.

COMMISSIONERS TO DISPROVE STATEMENT

NEW LONDON, Connecticut, September 22.—Reports of a Villa success in the fighting in the City of Chihuahua are troubling the Mexican members of the joint international peace commission, in session here, and it was announced last night that they hoped to be able to disprove the rumors by official accounts of the battle between the bandit leader and General Trevino.

The feeling among them apparently was that the intimations based on the reports that the de facto government is not able to maintain order in northern Mexico, are unjust to the Carranza government, and they expect to show by these official statements that the troops of General Trevino have the situation in Chihuahua well in hand.

At yesterday's session the commissioners discussed the withdrawal of General Pershing's command from Mexico, as one of the chief points in the settlement of the dispute between the two governments, but no progress was made, the American commissioners remaining firm in the stand they have taken on that question.

RUSSO-RUMANIANS OPEN WAY TO BULGARIA

British Routing Germans Out of Dugouts, From Photo Taken During Great Offensive



TURCO-TEUTONIC FORCES OPERATING IN DOBRUDJA DISTRICT ARE SHATTERED

Von Mackensen Suffers Reverse After Six Days of Fighting Between Black Sea and Danube River and Legions of Central Powers In Macedonia Are Exposed To Rear Attack

SLAVS HAMMER AT KOVEL

(Associated Press By Federal Wireless)

PARIS, September 22.—Field Marshal von Mackensen, hero of the Teutonic drive through Serbia and commanding the forces of the Germanic allies in the Balkans, has met with one of the most disastrous defeats of the war to date, according to despatches from Petrograd and Bucharest, confirmed in part by the reports from Berlin and Sofia.

After six days of terrific fighting on the Dobrudja line, stretching from the Danube to the shore of the Black Sea, the Bulgars and Germans, with their Turkish allies, have been routed, and last night were reported pouring southward in a disorderly retreat, burning the villages through which they passed behind them.

This great battle, which was announced by Berlin and Vienna as the climax of the campaign which started soon after the entry of Rumania into the war, may prove to be one of the turning points of the war, for by this victory the Russians and Rumanians lay the approaches to the rear of the German-Bulgar-Turco lines in Bulgaria and Serbia, and endanger the whole of the Teutonic line in Greece Macedonia.

'STRUGGLE HAS COME TO STANDSTILL'

In the Berlin official report of the Dobrudja fighting the German general staff merely says that "the struggle there has come to a standstill."

The campaign of which the Dobrudja battle has proved the climax, began last week when the retiring Russians and Rumanians took up a line of positions reaching across the district of Dobrudja, from the Danube river to the Black Sea, a distance of approximately thirty miles. Their right flank rested on the river at a point some distance to the south of Chernavaza, and ran eastward by Nedjidji and Murfatla to a point on the Black Sea coast, south of the Rumanian port of Constanza.

Here the Germans and Bulgarians, under the command of Field Marshal von Mackensen, commander-in-chief of all the forces of the Teutonic allies in the Balkan theater of the war, attacked them. The Teuton attacks necessarily were frontal assaults, for the flanks of the Entente armies were protected by the Danube, there a wide and deep river, and the Black Sea.

GERMAN COMMANDER CONCENTRATES STRENGTH

Ever since the invasion of the Dobrudja district, the German commander has been concentrating all his strength in this attack. He took the important towns of Turtukai and Ak Kadialir. The Dobrudja district forms the Black Sea littoral of Rumania, and is the section of territory lying east of the Danube after that river turns north from Bulgaria and enters Rumanian land. The district is about 135 miles north and south, and averages about fifty miles east and west.

More than a year ago Russia began laying double-track railway lines from her big centers to Kishineff. Later these lines were extended to Rani, a little town lying at the apex of the Dobrudja wedge and just across the river Pruth from Galitz. Here Russian engineers were busy for months, preparing depots, double-tracking the road, laying out sidings and sidetracks, and making other preparations for one of two things—an attack upon Rumania or the utilization of the Dobrudja route for launching an attack upon the flank of the Austrian and German armies guarding the Vienna-Belgrade-Constantinople railroad line. With the entry of Rumania into the war the first of these alternatives gave way to the second, and the route was open. But Russia apparently was not quite ready, to strike, and von Mackensen, realizing the value of the Dobrudja, both from a military point of view and a political one, struck first.

RUSSIANS POUR IN TO RELIEVE RUMANIANS

The Rumanian armies had been sent by the directing staff of the Entente Powers to hold back the Austrians in the Transylvanian territory and they were accomplishing their work well when the Bulgar-Teutonic bolt fell upon their southern frontier. They retreated, losing Turtukai and the other towns as they fell back.

Then the Russian railroads began to flood the district with Russians. Russian transports rushed reinforcements from Odessa to Constanza, and the Entente line held fast. The Germans, meanwhile, fully realizing the importance of the positions, also rushed reinforcements to the scene and last week Berlin announced that the fighting in that region had become severe. Later despatches told of the arrival of additional reinforcements for the Russians and Rumanians, and claimed slight gains for the Bulgarians. Sofia also made similar claims. Yesterday the tenor of these reports changed, as well as those coming from Bucharest, which had been admitting from time to time Rumanian reverses of a minor nature.

VICTORY IS OF VAST IMPORTANCE TO ALLIES

The importance of the operations in this district can be gathered from the reports which have come of late from Petrograd, announcing the formation of a great new army to be used in eliminating Turkey and

Refiners Boost Price of Sugar For All Grades

Advance of Ten Cents the Hun-
dred Pounds Announced By
Pacific Coast Interests

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

SAN FRANCISCO, September 22.—In sympathy with the rapid and spectacular advance in the price of raw sugar in the New York market, Pacific Coast refiners today advanced the price of all grades of refined sugar ten cents the hundred pounds. Quotations by wholesalers in this market and tributary territory now stand at six-twenty, while retailers have advanced the price of cane granulated to seven-twenty.

This leaves the differential between raw and refined only seven dollars and forty cents the ton, which is much less than it costs the refiners to prepare raw sugar for consumption, if they had to buy raws for immediate melting at yesterday's New York quotation of five-eighths-three.

The refiners' interest lies in keeping the prices of granulated down in order to stimulate consumption. Should raw sugar values continue to pyramid there will be further advances in granulated.

MORE ELASTIC TARIFF LAWS ARE DEMANDED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

NEW YORK, September 22.—The National Foreign Trade Council, through its investigating committee, has reported that greater elasticity in the country's tariff laws is needed, and that it will be absolutely necessary if the United States is to meet on anything like equal terms the competition sure to come after the close of the war. The report states that "the creation of a tariff commission should help very materially in accomplishing this object."

GREEK STEAMER IS SUNK

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

LONDON, September 22.—Lloyds announced last night that it had received reports of the sinking of the Greek steamer Asimacous and the landing of her crew. The Asimacous was a small steamer registering 1889 net tons burden.

Promises Broken By Democrats Hughes Again Attacks Bourbons

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

FORT WAYNE, Indiana, September 22.—Charging that the Democratic pledge to protect the lives and property of American citizens abroad had been ignored by the administration, Charles E. Hughes, Republican candidate for the presidency, yesterday spoke to thousands of persons here and received an ovation.

"Four years ago," said the candidate, "we were assured in solemn terms that the constitutional right of Americans to export the protection of their country, no matter where they might go, so long as they behaved themselves properly, would be upheld throughout the world. There was no quibble about the language used at that time, yet since then we have seen Americans murdered and their property destroyed, with nothing but windy protests from the authorities in Washington. Our commerce has been interrupted, also, and not a hint of real action from the capital."

"I therefore say that in this case, as in others, the Democrats have failed to keep an explicit pledge made to the people of the United States."

Mr. Hughes spoke earlier in the day to a large throng gathered to hear him in Lafayette, Indiana. He told his audience that he hoped soon to see the country imbued with a great, driving patriotic force, which might furnish the motive power for the progress he hoped to see the nation make.

"We want the rights of Americans throughout the world protected," he declared in outlining the policy of the Republican party.

GREEK RULER IS PRO-GREEK ONLY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

ATHENS, September 22.—The new Greek premier, M. Nicholas Kulegeropoulos, yesterday issued a formal statement denying that King Constantine is pro-Greek in his sympathies.

"The king is pro-Greek only," says the statement, which adds that the new Greek cabinet "entertains only feelings of the most benevolent neutrality toward the members of the Entente Powers."

The internal situation in Greece continues acute, with the revolution against the government, based largely upon its failure to enter the war on the side of the Allies, growing more intense daily.

Reports from the island of Crete, yesterday, announced that the revolution has reached there, and that a provisional government had been established.

Wounded Soldier In Mexican Army Boy of Ten Years

Convalescing From Bullet Punc-
ture Sustained In Battle With
Americans At Carrizal

(By The Associated Press)

JUAREZ, Mexico, September 21.—With a large red top as a plaything and a yellow, stub-tailed dog, that spends most of its time chasing flies as a playmate, Eulalio Rodriguez, a Carranza soldier of the Canales brigade, is convalescing in a local hospital from wounds sustained in action. Eulalio, who is ten years old, is perhaps one of the youngest of the boy soldiers helping to make up the fighting forces of Mexico. He was wounded in the engagement with Americans at Carrizal in June.

The youngster was bending over the body of his company commander, Lieut. Evarista Martinez, when he was shot through the body. But Eulalio insists that, although his wound hurt, he kept on fighting until the Americans had retreated.

The child was taken to the military hospital in Chihuahua City, discharged as recovered, and ordered with his brigade to Juarez. On the troop train, however, his wounds broke out afresh and he was taken to the hospital here, where he is said to be recovering rapidly. Each day he sits in the sun a while and spins his top, given him by an American newspaper man, while the dog, which "just adopted him," plays about.

Eulalio, although he can neither read nor write, seems rather precocious in his patriotism, and in answer to questions he said:

"I like peace better than war. And when the fighting is over I'm going home with my father and go into the farming business."

Gen. Francisco Gonzales, commandant here, is proud of the boy soldier, whose home is near Panjamo, Guanajuato, and plans, when he has recovered, to detail him as messenger of the commandancia.

EARL FEVERSHAM KILLED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

LONDON, September 21.—Lieutenant Colonel Earl Feversham was killed in action today leading his regiment in an onslaught on the German trenches at the Somme battlefield.

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